

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An exit sign comprising:

a housing,

a plurality of LEDs having the capability of being selectively activated to produce either red light or green light, said plurality of LEDs being mounted in mutual lighting association in said housing,

means for selective activation of said plurality of LEDs to produce either said red light or said green light,

means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of indicia symbolizing an exit enabling viewing by an observer, wherein said means for passing light is a stencil,

means for optically diffusing said light positioned in said housing juxtaposed to said plurality of LEDs and said ~~means for passing light stencil~~,

DC circuitry in operative electrical connection with said plurality of LEDs, and a source of DC electrical power activating said DC circuitry.

2. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of LEDs further having the capability of being selectively activated by said means for selective activation to simultaneously emit both said red light and said green light so as to

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produce yellow light, and wherein said means for selective activation of said plurality of LEDs to produce both of said red light and said green light includes means to produce both said red light and said green light so as to produce said yellow light, wherein said yellow light passes through said ~~means for passing light stencil~~ enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

3. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of LEDs includes a plurality of monochrome red LEDs and a plurality of monochrome green LEDs, each said monochrome red LED having the capability of being activated by said means for selective activation to produce said red light, and each said monochrome green LED having the capability of being activated by said means for selective activation to produce said green light.

4. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of LEDs includes a plurality of bicolor LEDs, each said bicolor LED having the capability of being activated by said means for selective activation to produce either said red light or said green light.

5. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said means for optically diffusing said light is an optical diffuser.

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6. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said ~~means for passing light in the form of indicia stencil~~ is a non-transparent stencil defining light passageway openings forming said indicia, said light passing through said light passageway openings enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

7. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said ~~means for passing light in the form of indicia stencil~~ is a translucent stencil having non-transparent areas and transparent areas, said transparent areas forming said indicia, said light passing through said transparent areas enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

8. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit is four independent letters forming the word EXIT.

9. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit includes at least one symbol indicating an exit.

10. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 1, further including means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of at least one directional symbol enabling viewing by an observer.

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11. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 1, wherein said means for selective activation to produce either of said red light or said green light is a two-position DIP switch.

12. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 11, wherein said two-position DIP switch includes the capability to simultaneously activate both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light.

13. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 1, further including battery means for providing emergency DC power to said plurality of LEDs in the event of failure of electrical DC power.

14. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 13, further including means for providing emergency light including a plurality of monochrome LEDs, said means for producing emergency light being in electrical connection to said battery means.

15. (Currently amended) An exit sign comprising:  
a housing,

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a plurality of monochrome red LEDs and a plurality of monochrome green LEDs having the capability of being selectively activated to produce either red light or green light, said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said monochrome green LEDs being mounted in mutual lighting association in said housing,

means for selective activation of either said plurality of monochrome red LEDs to produce said red light or said plurality of monochrome green LEDs to produce said green light,

means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of indicia symbolizing an exit enabling viewing by an observer, wherein said means for passing light is a stencil,

means for optically diffusing said red light or said green light positioned in said housing juxtapositioned to said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said plurality of monochrome green LEDs and said means for passing light stencil,

DC circuitry in operative electrical connection with said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said plurality of monochrome green LEDs, and  
a source of DC electrical power activating said DC circuitry.

16. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and monochrome green LEDs have the capability of being selectively activated by said means for selective activation to simultaneously emit

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both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light, wherein said yellow light passes through said ~~means for passing light~~ stencil enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

17. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 15, wherein said ~~means for passing light in the form of indicia~~ stencil is a non-transparent stencil defining light passageway openings forming said indicia, said light passing through said light passageway openings enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

18. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 15, wherein said ~~means for passing light in the form of indicia~~ stencil is a translucent stencil having non-transparent areas and transparent areas, said transparent areas forming said indicia, said light passing through said transparent areas enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

19. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 15, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit is four independent letters forming the word EXIT.

20. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 15, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit includes at least one symbol indicating an exit.

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21. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 15, further including means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of at least one directional symbol enabling viewing by an observer.

22. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 15, wherein said means for selective activation of said plurality of LEDs to produce either said red light and said green light is a two-position DIP switch.

23. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 22, wherein said two-position DIP switch includes the capability to simultaneously activate both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light.

24. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 15, wherein said means for optically diffusing said red and green light is an optical diffuser.

25. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 15, further including battery means for providing emergency DC power to said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said plurality of monochrome green LEDs in the event of failure of electrical DC power.

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26. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 15, further including means for providing emergency light including a plurality of monochrome LEDs, said means for producing emergency light being in electrical connection to said battery means.

27. (Currently amended) An exit sign comprising:

a housing,

a plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs having the capability of being selectively activated to produce either red light or green light, said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs being mounted in mutual lighting association in said housing;

means for selective activation of said plurality of bicolor LEDs to produce either said red light or said green light,

means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of indicia symbolizing an exit enabling viewing by an observer, wherein said means for passing light is a stencil,

means for optically diffusing said red light or said green light positioned in said housing juxtapositioned to said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs and said means for passing light stencil,

DC circuitry in operative electrical connection with said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs, and

a source of DC electrical power activating said DC circuitry.

28. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 27, wherein said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs have the capability of being selectively activated by said means for selective activation to simultaneously emit both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light, wherein said yellow light passes through said ~~means for passing light~~ stencil enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

29. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 27, wherein said ~~means for passing light in the form of~~ indicia stencil is a non-transparent stencil defining light passageway openings forming said indicia, said light passing through said light passageway openings enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

30. (Currently amended) The exit sign according to claim 27, wherein said ~~means for passing light in the form of~~ indicia stencil is a translucent stencil having non-transparent areas and transparent areas, said transparent areas forming said indicia, said light passing through said transparent areas enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

31. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 27, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit is four independent letters forming the word EXIT.

32. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 27, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit includes at least one symbol indicating an exit.

33. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 27, further including means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of at least one directional symbol enabling viewing by an observer.

34. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 27, wherein said means for selective activation of said plurality of bicolor LEDs to produce either said red light or said green light is a two-position DIP switch.

35. (Previously presented) The exit sign according to claim 34, wherein said two-position DIP switch includes the capability to simultaneously activate both said red light and said green light of said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs so as to produce yellow light.

36. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 27, wherein said means for optically diffusing said red and green light is an optical diffuser.

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37. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 27, further including battery means for providing emergency DC power to said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs in the event of failure of electrical DC power.

38. (Original) The exit sign according to claim 27, further including means for providing emergency light including a plurality of monochrome LEDs, said means for producing emergency light being in electrical connection to said battery means.